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Proposed Initiative Enters Circulation

Indian Gaming Compacts. Revenue Contributions to State, Local Governments. Gambling Expansion. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.

SACRAMENTO, CA --- Secretary of State Kevin Shelley announced today that the proponent of a new initiative may begin collecting petition signatures for her measure.

The Attorney General's official title and summary is as follows:

INDIAN GAMING COMPACTS. REVENUE CONTRIBUTIONS TO STATE, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. GAMBLING EXPANSION. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

- Authorizes Governor to seek compact amendments requiring: tribal contributions to state in amount not less than state taxes paid by non-tribal California business conducting lawful gaming;
- Agreement with affected city/county to make payments in lieu of local taxes to mitigate off-reservation gaming impacts; and
- Tribal ordinance recognizing workers' employment rights.
- If tribe agrees to these provisions, authorizes Governor to agree to up to two casinos and 3,000 slot machines per tribe.
- If not, tribes are limited to current compact terms or 350 slot machines.

The summary of the estimate by the Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of the fiscal impact on state and local governments indicates that based on future negotiations with tribes, potentially significant increase of state and local gaming revenues. These revenues could be in the high tens of millions of dollars annually in the foreseeable future.

The proponent, Cheryl Schmit, must collect 598,105 signatures of registered voters, which is eight percent of the total votes cast for governor in the 2002 gubernatorial election. The 150-day deadline to circulate petitions is August 13, 2004. The initiative proponent can be reached at P.O. Box 355, Penryn CA 95663. No phone number was provided.

For a copy of the complete text, title & summary, and circulation calendar, please contact the Secretary of State's Press Office at 916-653-6575.